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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/556,351	Applicant(s) ATAKA ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 September 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claim 1-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Lampen et al. (US 6,664,870).

3. With respect to claim 1 and 13, Lampen et al. disclose an input signal processing device (Fig. 2) comprising an input signal terminal (IN) that receives an input signal; a connection inductance element (L1) connected to said input signal terminal (IN) at one end thereof; a connection capacitance element (C1) connected to said input signal terminal (IN) at one end thereof; a first grounding switching unit (F3) that selectively grounds an other end of said connection inductance element (L1); a second grounding switching unit (F4) that selectively grounds an other end of said connection capacitance element (C1), wherein the other end of said connection inductance element (L1) is not connected to the other end of said connection capacitance element (C1) (switches F1 and F2 are always in opposite state, Col. 3 line 65 - Col. 4 line 1-3, thus the elements L1 and C1 would not connect to each other).

4. With respect to claim 2 and 14, Lampen et al. disclose a grounding capacitance element (C2) that is connected to the other end of said connection inductance element

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(L1), and is grounded; and a grounding inductance element (L2) that is connected to the other end of said connection conductance element (C1), and is grounded.

5. With respect to claim 3, 6, and 15, Lampen et al. disclose at least one of said first (F3) and second (F4) grounding switch units is a semiconductor/MEMS switch (FET switches are shown, which are semiconductors).

6. With respect to claim 4, 7, 8, 9, and 16, Lampen et al. disclose when in first state (Col. 3 line 65-68), first grounding switch (F3) is closed (thus grounded), the circuit effectively is a high pass filter (Col. 4 line 35-37, Fig. 4A) and signal output from other end of said connection capacitance element (C1, through closed switch F2).

7. With respect to claim 5, 10, 11, 12, and 17, Lampen et al. disclose when in second state (Col. 4 line 1-3), second grounding switch (F4) is closed (thus grounded), the circuit effectively is a low pass filter (Col. 4 line 37-40, Fig. 4B) and signal output from other end of said connection inductance element (L1, through closed switch F1).

Response to Amendment

8. Applicant's arguments on amendment have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the previous rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Lampen et al. (US 6,664,870), see above.

Conclusion

9. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP

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§ 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ALAN WONG whose telephone number is (571)272-3238. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs 9:30am-6:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bob Pascal can be reached on (571) 272-1769. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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